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funds shall be returned pro rata to the persons from whom such funds were collected.

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REGULATIONS

§ 945.50 Marketing policy.

(a) *Preparation.* Prior to or at the same time as recommendations are made pursuant to § 945.51, the committee shall consider, and prepare, a proposed policy for the marketing of potatoes. In developing its marketing policy the committee shall investigate relevant supply and demand conditions for potatoes. In such investigations the committee shall give appropriate consideration to the following:

(1) Market prices for potatoes, including prices by grade, size, and quality, in different packs, and in different containers;

(2) Supplies of potatoes by grade, size, and quality in the production area and in other potato producing areas;

(3) The trend and level of consumer income;

(4) Establishing and maintaining orderly marketing conditions for potatoes;

(5) Orderly marketing of potatoes as will be in the public interest; and

(6) Other relevant factors.

(b) *Reports.* (1) The committee shall promptly submit a report to the Secretary setting forth the aforesaid marketing policy and shall notify producers and handlers of the contents of such report.

(2) In the event it becomes advisable to deviate from such marketing policy because of changed supply and demand conditions, the committee shall formulate a new or revised marketing policy in the manner set forth in this section. The committee shall promptly submit a report thereon to the Secretary and notify producers and handlers of the contents of such report on the new or revised marketing policy.

§ 945.51 Recommendation for regulations.

Whenever the committee deems it advisable that the handling of potatoes be regulated pursuant to § 945.52, or

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§ 945.53, or both, it shall recommend to the Secretary grade, size, quality, or maturity regulation, or any combination thereof, or amendment thereto, or modification, suspension, or termination thereof, whenever it finds that such regulation, as provided in such sections, will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

§ 945.52 Issuance of regulations.

(a) The Secretary shall limit the handling of potatoes whenever he finds from the recommendations and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, that such regulation will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act. Such limitation may:

(1) Regulate in any or all portions of the production area, the handling of particular grades, sizes, qualities, or maturities, or any combination thereof, of any or all varieties of potatoes during any period; or

(2) Regulate the shipment of particular grades, sizes, qualities, or maturities of potatoes differently, for different varieties, for different portions of the production area, for different packs, for different containers, or for any combination of the foregoing, during any period; or

(3) Fix the size, capacity, weight, dimensions, pack, labeling or marking of the container, or containers, which may be used in the packaging or handling of potatoes, or both; or

(4) Regulate the shipment of potatoes by establishing, in terms of grades, sizes, or both, minimum standards of quality and maturity.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 945.53 Shipments for specified purposes.

Whenever the Secretary finds, upon the basis of the recommendations and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, that it will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall modify, suspend, or terminate regulations under or pursuant to § 945.42, § 945.52, or § 945.65, or any combination